

Tweaks to save money this winter - including the parish's thermal imaging surveys

The winter months provide the conditions when thermal imaging surveys can be done - to find out where heat (and money!) might be leaking out of homes.

The parish council's handy camera is available for use throughout the parish. Buriton's BEA Group use the device to help households cut spiralling energy bills and combat climate change.

It has already been used in most parts of the village including houses in the High Street, Glebe Road, Sumner Road, Petersfield Road, North Lane, South Lane, Bones Lane, Heatherfield, Greenway Lane and New Barn Lane.

The surveys can only be done when it's cold outside and there's a small charge of £15 to create a fund for replacement batteries etc. If you would like your house to be surveyed, get on the list soon for when surveys are possible in the months ahead. More volunteers are also being sought: to be trained in the use of the simple camera so that more surveys can be done in the future.

Anyone interested in helping or in having a survey done should contact parish clerk Petra Norris on 0794 353605 or email buritonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk

Buriton is connecting with other local groups in villages between Petersfield and Midhurst who are encouraging people to take a step or two towards living more sustainably and saving some money too!

Each month they suggest a 'tweak'

that people could make and these are all available on the Buriton Community website (<https://www.buriton.info/climate-and-nature>):

- in March the tweak was about compost – with advice about starting your own compost heap.
- the Tweak of the Month for April was about saving money from our transport costs and reducing travel pollution.
- in May the tweak encouraged people to take part in 'No Mow May' and do less work!
- the Tweak of the Month for June encouraged us all to reduce our use of single-use plastics which persist in the environment for hundreds of years
- in July the tweak provided tips about washing our clothes as sustainably as possible
- the Tweak of the Month for August encouraged us all to try to use a bit less water – and provided a number of ideas.

More 'Tweaks of the Month' will be added to the website in the future – keep looking!

Other climate-friendly advice for Buriton (including information about which items can be recycled where) is also on the website at <https://www.buriton.info/climate-change-and-buriton> and, in the months ahead, there is likely to be an event with helpful ideas about saving money on energy costs and information at the Christmas Fair in December.